

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 11-20 are still pending in this application.

During a review of the claims in preparation for payment of the issue fee, the applicants discovered some typographical errors in the claim language which are being corrected by the above amendments to claims 4 and 23.

Claim 4 erroneously includes a reference to a “1S” position which was inconsistent with the chemical structure of formula (III).

Claim 23 depicted a non-sensical stereochemical configuration with respect to R¹ and R³. The stereochemical configuration has been corrected to be consistent with claim 1 of which claim 23 is dependent upon.

No new matter has been added by this amendment.

It is submitted that the claims, herewith and as originally presented, are patentably distinct over the prior art cited in the Office Action, and that these claims were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112.

CONCLUSION

In view of the remarks and amendments herewith, the application is still believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited. The undersigned looks forward to hearing favorably from the Examiner at an early date, and, the Examiner is invited to telephonically contact the undersigned to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,
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